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Madrid, February 6. N. S.

THE Duke of Berwick having rais'd the Blockade of Gironne, is returning with the Army under his Command towards Dauphine. The Count de Bergheick arrived here a few Days ago from France. It is generally believed, that the Emperor will agree to a Ceſſation of Arms, and withdraw his Troops out of Catalonia, notwithſtanding which, the King hath given Orders to the General of the Artillery to be in a readineſs to march towards Barcelona, in order to beſiege that Place by the beginning of the next Month. The Portugueſe Troops are arrived in Arragon in their way homewards.

Hamburgh, February 17. N. S. On the 12th a Detachment of the Confederate Army attack'd, and made themſelves Maſters of ſome Entrenchments which the Swedes had thrown up in haſte near Suabſtedt; whereupon Major General Stackleberg abandon'd Frederickſtadt, and retired with the Forces under his Command to Carding, which is a Place very advantageouſly ſituated for the Swedes, having behind it a Plain large enough to draw up an Army, and for two Miles before it, a Dike fifteen Foot broad, full of little Redoubts well provided with Artillery and Ammunition, ſo that it will be very difficult for the Czar to force the Swedes to a Battle. The Muſcovites have taken Poſſeſſion of Frederickſtadt, and plac'd a Garriſon of four thouſand Men there. Upon the arrival of an Expreſs this Morning, the Adminiſtrator of Holſtein immediately ſent Count Reventlaw to Tonningen, and we have ſince received advice that General Steinbock hath made himſelf Maſter of that Fortreſs by a Stratagem; the Particulars of which we expect to hear in a ſhort time. Monſieur Baſſewitz, a Swediſh Partiſan, who was with five hundred Horſe in Northſtrandt ſurrounded by the Confederate Army, hath found means to make his eſcape from thence by Water, and is ſafely arived in Eyderſtadt.

Bruſſels, February 22. N. S. Yeſterday being the Queen's Birth-day, the Earl of Orrery, Her Majeſty's Plenipotentiary at this Place, received the uſual Compliments on that Occaſion, and entertain'd the Miniſters of the States-General and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction at Dinner. In the Evening there was a great Appearance of Nobility at the Opera, and the Cannon round the Town was fired, which was alſo done in all the other Cities of theſe Provinces. The Abbot Polignac, one of the French Plenipotentiaries at Utrecht, who is created a Cardinal, arrived here laſt Night, and this Morning he purſued his Journey to Paris, from whence it is ſaid he will ſhortly ſet out for Rome. Some Days ago ſeveral Deputies from the reſpective great Towns of theſe Provinces came hither by order of the Council of State, to examin into the preſent Condition of their Trade, and to concert a Plan for the Improvement of it. On the third Inſtant at Night, a Party of French, from Namur, found means of throwing ſome artificial Fireworks into the Magazine of Hay erected here for the Service of the States-General, by which a great part of it was conſumed. Letters from ſeveral Places on the Frontiers of France bring an Account, that Directions were come from the Court, for ſending a conſiderable Body of Troops towards Germany, in order to reinforce the Army on that ſide.

Bruges, February 18. N. S. Yeſterday the chief Perſons of Diſtinction at this Place, waited on Brigadier Sutton, our Governor, to congratulate him upon Her Majeſty's Birth-day, which was celebrated with an Opera compoſed for the Occaſion, a magnificent Supper at the Stadthouſe, Illuminations, and firing of the Cannon.

Utrecht, February 22. N. S. On the nineteenth the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain met thoſe of France at Mareſchal d'Uxelle's Houſe. Yeſterday Count Sinzendorff and Baron Kirchner, Plenipotentiaries of his Imperial Majeſty, were in Conference with their Lordſhips, who went immediately after to the Miniſters of France. This Afternoon the Imperialiſts had a Conference with the French, in the preſence of their Lordſhips; and the Negotiation for evacuating Catalonia, and for a Ceſſation of Arms in Italy, which was ſtopped till the return of a Courier from the French Court, is now again on foot. We have received the Ratifications on both ſides of the Treaty of Succeſſion and Barrier, and this Morning they were exchanged at the Lord Privy Seal's Houſe.

Whereas the Time allow'd for adjuſting the Properties to the Benefit Tickets in the Lotteries, No 1. No 2. and No 3. Anno 1712. does expire the 24th of February Inſtant, The Managers and Directors of the Lottery give this Notice, to the End the Perſons poſſeſſed of the Tickets entituled to Benefits, their Agents or Aſſigns, may appear before them at their Office in Whitehall, to adjuſt their Properties, and not be excluded the Benefit intended them by Lapſing the Time allow'd by the Act for doing thereof.

The Perſons appointed by the Right Hon. the Lord High Treaſurer of Great Britain to take in Tickets, and deliver out ſtanding Orders in lieu thereof, in the Lotteries for the Year 1712. having the Sum of 54,240 l. directed to be iſſued to them at the Exchequer, to pay off and diſcharge the Principal, payable on the Four thouſand five hundred Tickets which compoſe the three firſt Courſes of Payment in the Lotteries No 1. No 2. and No 3. the ſaid three firſt Courſes conſiſting of the Tickets in each of the ſaid three Lotteries which have the following Numbers, viz. 1ſt Courſe conſiſting of 500 Tickets, beginning No 12501, and ending No 13000. 2d Courſe conſiſting of 500 Tickets, beginning No 14001, and ending No 14500. 3d Courſe conſiſting of 500 Tickets, beginning No 31001, and ending No 31500. Notice is hereby given, that the ſaid Perſons will begin to take in the Tickets of the ſaid three firſt Courſes, and pay the Principal Money thereupon, to the Bearers thereof, at their Office in Whitehall, on Monday the 23d of February Inſtant, at 9 in the Forenoon; and continue the ſaid Work of paying on Mondays, Tueſdays and Wedneſdays in every Week, from 9 to 1 in the Forenoon, until the whole three Courſes ſhall be ſatisfy'd; therefore the Perſons having Tickets in the ſaid 3 firſt Courſes, and coming to receive their Principal thereupon, are deſired with their Tickets to make and bring Liſts thereof in a numerical Order as near as may be, making a ſeparate Liſt for the Tickets which they may happen to be poſſeſſed of in each Lottery, becauſe the Tickets of the Lottery No 1. will be taken in at one Seat, the Tickets in Lottery No 2. at another Seat, and the Tickets in Lottery No 3. at a third Seat, taking care that the Benefits in each of the ſaid 3 Courſes of 50 l. and upwards be claimed. And it is further notify'd, that after Monday the 23d Inſtant, until the ſaid 3 firſt Courſes ſhall be paid, the Tickets in the Claſſis Lottery Anno 1712. which have not yet been brought to the ſaid Office to be entred for Orders, will be entred there on Thurſdays and Fridays only, in every Week, between the Hours of 9 and 1 in the Forenoon: And that on Saturdays in every Week at the like Hours, the ſaid Perſons will not only deliver out the Orders not yet called for, which are made forth for all Tickets entred for Orders in the Lottery Anno 1711, to the 14th Inſtant inclusive, but alſo enter all Tickets in the ſame Lottery that have not yet been brought to be entred for Orders.